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No. 3:07-cv-5944-SC, MDL No. 1917

Supplemental Letter Brief Regarding the Panasonic Defendants' Motion  
to Compel the Deposition of Nobuo Harada

Dear Judge Walker:

Sharp Electronics Corporation ("SEC") and Sharp Electronics Manufacturing Company of America, Inc. ("SEMA") submit this supplemental letter brief regarding the Panasonic Defendants' Motion to Compel the Deposition of Nobuo Harada, and this Court's January 2, 2015 Recommended Order denying that motion without prejudice to the submission of evidence of a close corporate relationship between SEC/SEMA and Sharp Corporation or of Mr. Harada's status as a managing agent.

Hon. Vaughn R. Walker

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We write to inform the Court and the parties that Mr. Harada is retiring from non-party Sharp Corporation on January 21, 2015. We highlight this fact because it may affect the Panasonic Defendants' analysis of whether it is worth spending additional resources of the parties and Court on this issue. Regardless of what the Panasonic Defendants believed regarding SEC's and SEMA's ability to compel the employee of a non-party located in Japan to appear voluntarily for a deposition against his wishes,<sup>1</sup> we respectfully submit that SEC and SEMA will have no ability to compel the attendance of a private Japanese citizen at a deposition.

Also, to avoid any ambiguity, SEC and SEMA will not be calling Mr. Harada at trial, and due to his retirement, it seems certain he will not become available before trial.

If there is any relevant change in circumstances – if Mr. Harada decides that he will voluntarily submit to a deposition, or if he were to become subject to the control of SEC or SEMA for some unforeseen reason – then SEC or SEMA will make him available for deposition.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> The instant motion to compel was filed on September 2 and briefed on September 24. Discovery officially closed on September 5.